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MEMORANDUM TO:

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SUBJECT:

Conference with

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1. [redacted] advises me that the purpose of this meeting is merely to "get acquainted" and to discuss ways and means of enabling the CIA Support Staff to render more effective service to OPC. In the course of the discussion it might be beneficial to raise the following points:

a. OPC welcomes and needs all assistance that we can possibly receive. To make this assistance effective and worthwhile, however, it is important:

(1) To recognize and appreciate operational needs and their peculiar problems. It is particularly essential to recognize that operational requirements of OPC type activities are much more exacting than those of covert intelligence. This is particularly true since OPC is in many respects the agency created to carry out covert activities for the U. S. Government at the behest of other Departments.

(2) Due to the extremely sensitive nature of our activities and particularly in view of the fact that many times we are implementing specific requests and supplementing operational activities of other agencies, it is imperative that operational information be held to the smallest possible group. OPC welcomes all possible assistance from the Support Staff but is fearful to accept this assistance unless assurance can be given that operational details will not be passed through the entire administrative hierarchy.

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b. We have always welcomed help from [redacted] office and to the best of my knowledge have never failed to either accept his advice or to discuss the matter until he agreed with our alternate suggestion. We have looked to him to help us establish adequate administrative standards for the safe handling of funds and there have never been any barriers placed in the way of his giving us additional service.

c. It might be very well to point out our unsatisfactory relations on such operational activities as [redacted]

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[redacted] where the project was developed at some length by Messrs. [redacted] before this office was ever out in. Several memos were written at this time which have not even yet been turned over to this office in spite of specific requests for them.

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(This refers particularly to the [redacted] name on this project.) Furthermore, [redacted] promised to take specific action that was essential to the implementation of this project but not only failed to take the action but failed to keep this office advised.

d. You may also wish to mention the completely inadequate support we have received from Personnel as far as recruiting is concerned. They have known our approved T/C ever since it was issued but have produced very few qualified applicants above the clerical level. Furthermore, they have imposed various freezes and restrictions without adequately notifying this office or even coordinating among themselves. Just two days ago I was informed that a CAF-15 slot for my own office had been blocked.

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e. Several weeks ago we had a very pleasant conference with [redacted] and his Deputy, [redacted] at which time they offered their assistance and told us that [redacted] was available to help us. I subsequently discussed this matter with [redacted] and told him that we proposed to use [redacted] extensively in our budget activities. We are even reserving a desk in our office for his use. This information was further repeated to [redacted] two weeks ago, at which time he said that he had no other activities except OPO--but we haven't seen him since.

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f. In conclusion, it might be very beneficial for [redacted] to outline the reorganization that is being made in the Support Staff whereby all routine administrative details are being turned over to the CIA Support Staff insofar as possible. The officers on [redacted] staff will merely serve as special consultants in their respective field, make judgment decisions, and serve as Logistic Support officers on projects and operations. Through the use of these Logistic Support officers it is believed that we will be able to use the CIA Support Staff personnel much more effectively. We further believe that due to the extremely sensitive nature of our operations, this is the most effective way of "cutting in" [redacted] people and far preferable to their attempting to participate in regular planning conferences.

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Executive Officer

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ABSTRACT NOTATION REFERENCES.

Suggests approach to planned meeting with members of CIA Support Staff and lists some of the problems which have arisen. Suggests reorganization (and phasing out?) of OPC Support Staff be outlined.

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